

A Romance of Extraordinary Distinction

THE MARSHAL

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

A Lesson in French.

(Continued from Wednesday.)

On an evening when winter was wearing away to cold spring, Francois waited in the dining-room of Roanoke house for his scholar. It was very still in the large house. The sharp wind of a March in Virginia whistled through the bare branches of trees in the park outside. Inside, the crackling of a fire of piled hickory logs tempted with its careless naturalness the formality of the fine old room. The room had sweet and stately beauty, a graceful stiffness like the manners of the women who first lived in it, a hundred years before. The carved white woodwork over the doors was yellowed to ivory; the mantelpiece, brought from France in 1732, framed in its fluted pillars, its garlands and chiseled nymphs and shepherds, as if under protest, the rollicking orange fire over the over a mahogany sofa, covered with slippery horsehair, hung a portrait of the first lady of the manor, and Francois, sitting solidly erect in a straight chair, smiled as he waited for her. It was so like yet so unlike a face which he knew. There was the delicate chin and straight nose, and fair loose hair. But the portrait was staid and serious, while Lucy's face, as this man had seen it, had kindly eyes and a mouth smiling always. He shook his head in gentle amusement at the grave dignity of the picture.

"But no, Madame—you are not so charming as your granddaughter," he said, addressing it aloud.

And then he stepped across the room to the fire, and held his hands to it and stared into it. The clock ticked firmly, the logs fell apart with soft sliding sounds, and he stared down at them—his thoughts far away—a look came into his eyes as if they concentrated on something beyond the range of sight, the characteristic look of Francois, the look of a dreamer, of a seer of visions.

Then Lucy stood in the doorway, gentle, charming from the slippers, feet, laced over the instep, to the shadowy locks of light hair on her forehead.

"Good evening, Monsieur. I am sorry I kept you waiting. Hannibal hurt his foot and I must find plaster and bandage for him. But you will have enough of my talking even now. Father says I talk a great deal. Do I, Monsieur?"

Francois stood regarding her, with frank admiration in every muscle of his face. He smiled the same gentle amused smile with which he had addressed the portrait. "You never talk too much for me, Mademoiselle. It is a pleasure to me always to hear your voice," he answered in the deep tone of a Frenchman, the tone that has ever a half note of tragedy, as of some race-memory which centuries do not wipe out. "Only," he went on speaking in French, "one must not talk English. That is breaking the law, you remember Mademoiselle."

She answered very prettily in his own tongue, in words that halted a little. "Very well, Monsieur. I will do my best." He still gazed at her smiling, without speaking. One could understand that, to a girl of more self-contained people, this open homage of manner, this affectionate gentleness, might seem to mean more than a brotherly loyalty. The girl's pulse was beating fast as she made an effort for conversation. "What were you thinking of as you looked at the life when I came in Monsieur? It had an air of being something pleasant. Did I not say all that beautiful?" she finished in English.

He corrected a lame verb with serious accuracy and she repeated the word and laughed happily.

"But you haven't said yet what you were thinking about."

The large brown eyes turned on hers. "It was of my old home in France, Mademoiselle, when I was very little," he said simply. "A large fire of logs makes me think of that."

"Tell me about it," she begged with

quick interest. "Will you? Was there always a fire at your house?"

"But no, Mademoiselle—not, of course, in the summer. It was of the winter time I thought, when the neighbors came, in the evening, and we sat about the hearth, sometimes twenty people, each at his different duty, and my brothers and sisters were there, and the dear grand-mere was there and—" he stopped. "Does Mademoiselle really wish to hear how it was in that old farm-house of ours, in the shadow of the Jura mountains?"

"Indeed, Mademoiselle wishes it," she assured him. "It will be a trip to Europe. I am sure I shall speak better French for going to France for ten minutes, and being among the French people, your friends. Wait now, till I am comfortable." She turned a deep chair so that it faced him, and dropped into it. "Put a footstool for me," she ordered, as southern women order the men they care for—and this men they do not. And she settled back with her little feet on it and smiled at him. For a moment the man's brilliant gaze rested on her and the girl saw it, and thrilled to it. "Now, Monsieur, racontez-moi une histoire," she spoke softly.

Francois Beaupre's look turned from her to the fire, and the air of gazing at something far away came again. "It is a picture I see as I think of that time of my childhood," he began, as if speaking to himself.

"A picture many times painted in home-like colors on my brain. Many a night in the winter I have sat, a little boy, by the side of my grand-mother, at that great hearth, and have looked and have seen all the faces, have heard all the voices and the fire crackling, and the spinning wheel whirling, even as I see them and hear them tonight. I was always close by the grand-mere, for I was the dearest of the children to her. Sometimes long after my bedtime I sat there, but very quietly, for fear that my mother might remember and send me to bed; yet she liked to please the grand-mere, so I stayed often longer than the other girls. It was a great room, and across one corner was the hearth which was raised like a throne, Mademoiselle, from the floor, twelve feet wide. One burned large sticks of wood, with the ends from the chimneys, swung the cream-colored chains from which were hung the kettles. It was the house of a peasant, Mademoiselle knows, yet it was the best house in the village. Often, of a November night, the neighbors would come in, perhaps a dozen, perhaps more, and the young men had their work—they arranged the furs for spinning. It might be—and the young girls prepared apples to dry, and the mothers' knitting needles flashed back and forth on the stockings for our winter wear, and the grand-mere would be spinning linen threads for our clothing—whirr, whirr—I can hear the low sound of her wheel. And always I, Francois, would be on the stool at her side, watching and listening. For my father was a great raconteur, and he told stories of the war and of the legends of that country. It was an ancient country you must know, Mademoiselle, and the name of bur village it self was from the Romans. Vieques was the name, and that as you know, Mademoiselle, comes from the Latin word vicus, a village. So that there were old castles in ruin in those parts and tales of buried treasure, and ghosts in armor guarding it, and great dogs that breathed flame, and other things pleasantly horrible to the ear of a little boy. On the cold night, the fire roared on the chimney and the grand-mother's wheel whirled softly, my father and the other men told these tales, and I listened, quiet as a mouse in my corner, and from time to time I saw a young man lean over and whisper in the ear of one of the young girls, and I wondered why her face became red as the firelight."

(To be continued.)

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COMES TO DEFENSE

OF JOHN E. BURKE

COLON, Dec. 18.—Lieut. Col. Eugene T. Wilson, chief subsistence officer for the Panama canal commission and head of the department under which John E. Burke is employed as manager of the canal commissary department, Wednesday characterized as absolutely untrue the intimation that Burke had profited by the placing of contracts for supplies.

Rumors to this effect were current on the isthmus two months ago, but investigation showed that they were without foundation, according to Lieut. Col. Wilson, who said that the chief accountant of the commission had examined the major portion of Burke's accounts and had discovered no discrepancies. Mr. Burke is now in the United States on vacation leave.

WILL RECOVER

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Oscar Vogt, chef and concert hall piano player, who was shot in the head Tuesday while resisting arrest on the charge of stabbing to death Mme. Agnes Guth, a fashionable modiste, is expected to recover and stand trial for murder.

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CURRENCY BATTLE TO COME TO END FRIDAY

Debate on Measure to be Limited and Bill Placed on Vote. Several Points Revised by Democrats.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—An agreement to vote on the final passage of the administration currency bill "on the legislative day of Friday, Dec. 19," was reached in the senate late Wednesday. The agreement provides that debate Thursday and Friday shall be limited to fifteen minutes for each senator upon each amendment or upon the bill itself.

While the legislative day may run over into Saturday, it is the expectation of the senate leaders that the bill will be passed before midnight Friday night. If important amendments are pending at that time however, a recess may be taken until Saturday morning.

Following the numerous attacks on the note issue provision and the reserve requirements of the bill by those who considered the measure would open the doors to inflation the democratic committee tonight revised the reserve section.

The required gold reserve behind the new currency was increased from 25 per cent, as provided in the Owen bill, to 40 per cent with a tax of one per cent on depletion of the reserve down to 32 1/2 per cent. An attempt to fix an arbitrary limit on the amount of notes to be issued failed.

Other amendments adopted provided for the use of a part of the surplus earnings of the regional banks for building up the gold reserve, for an increase in the compensation of the members of the federal reserve board from \$10,000 to \$12,000, as provided in the Hitchcock amendment and that all the member banks must receive the proposed new notes at par was approved.

The conference also decided to remodel section eight of the bill providing for the entrance of state banks and trust companies into the new system, and voted in favor of a provision whereby the banks would be required to keep a fund intact in the treasury to provide for the redemption of outstanding notes. All of these changes, with several other minor amendments, were referred to the democrats of the banking committee to be framed in detail. The conference took no action on the guarantee of deposit provision of the bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secret service officers arrested 365 persons on the charge of counterfeiting during the fiscal year ending June 30, according to a report made public Wednesday.

WALNUT GROVE.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mikesell of Lydick called on Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Lydick Thursday evening.

Ralph H. Lydick was in Goshen last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brown of South Bend were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stroup last Saturday and Sunday.

Ralph H. Lydick received word from Goshen that he took first, second and fifth prizes on hens that he exhibited at the show. They were Barred Plymouth Rocks.

NOTICE OF HEARING AS TO SPECIAL BENEFITS.

Department of Public Works.
City of South Bend, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that the following street improvement has been completed:

Brick pavement on Dunham street from Arnold street to Harris street, under Improvement Resolution No. 249. In the City of South Bend, Indiana.

There is on file in the office of this Board, and subject to public inspection, an assessment roll, which contains the names of all property owners who are subject to assessment, a description of the property to be assessed, and the amount of each assessment. This Board, at its office in the City Hall, will on the 26th day of December 1913, at 7:45 p. m. receive and hear remonstrances as to the amount of each assessment, and will decide whether the assessed lots or tracts of land have been or will be specially benefited by said improvement in the amounts named on said roll.

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City of South Bend, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that the following street improvement has been completed:

Grade, curbs and walk on Tecumseh Avenue from Parkview Avenue to Angela Avenue, under Improvement Resolution No. 166. In the City of South Bend, Indiana.

There is on file in the office of this Board, and subject to public inspection, an assessment roll, which contains the names of all property owners who are subject to assessment, a description of the property to be assessed, and the amount of each assessment. This Board, at its office in the City Hall, will on the 26th day of December 1913, at 7:45 p. m. receive and hear remonstrances as to the amount of each assessment, and will decide whether the assessed lots or tracts of land have been or will be specially benefited by said improvement in the amounts named on said roll.

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Notice is hereby given that the following street improvement has been completed:

Grade, curb and walk on Portage Avenue from North line of Morris Park addition to North line Section 34 Tp. 38 N. R. 2 E. under Improvement Resolution No. 261. In the City of South Bend, Indiana.

There is on file in the office of this Board, and subject to public inspection, an assessment roll, which contains the names of all property owners who are subject to assessment, a description of the property to be assessed, and the amount of each

prima facie assessment. This Board at its office in the City Hall, will on the 26th day of December 1913, at 7:45 p. m. receive and hear remonstrances as to the amount of each assessment, and will decide whether the assessed lots or tracts of land have been or will be specially benefited by said improvement in the amounts named on said roll.

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Department of Public Works.
City of South Bend, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that the following street improvement has been completed:

Brick pavement on Webster street from Sample street to a point 600 feet south, under Improvement Resolution No. 273. In the City of South Bend, Indiana.

There is on file in the office of this Board, and subject to public inspection, an assessment roll, which contains the names of all property owners who are subject to assessment, a description of the property to be assessed, and the amount of each assessment. This Board, at its office in the City Hall, will on the 26th day of December 1913, at 7:45 p. m. receive and hear remonstrances as to the amount of each assessment, and will decide whether the assessed lots or tracts of land have been or will be specially benefited by said improvement in the amounts named on said roll.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of an Order of Sale to ME DIRECTED from the Clerk's Office of the St. Joseph Circuit Court, I will expose to Public Sale on Saturday the 27th day of December, A. D. 1913, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M., of said day, at the door of the Court House in the City of South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana, the rents and profits for a term not exceeding seven years, of the following described Real Estate, situated in St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, to-wit: A part of large lot No. Ten Hundred Twenty-eight (1028) as shown on the recorded plat of LaSalle Park, as platted by Staley and Robinson, now a part of the City of South Bend, bounded by a line running as follows: beginning at a point on the West line of said lot eighty (80) feet South of the North West corner of said lot, thence running South eighty (80) feet on the West line of said lot, thence East one hundred and seventy-nine (179) feet to the East line of said lot, thence North eighty (80) feet on said East line, thence West one hundred twenty-eight (128) feet to a place of beginning; said parcel of land being known as Lots E and D in the unrecorded sub-division of said Large Lot Ten Hundred Twenty-eight (1028) (said mortgage being recorded in Mortgage Record 120 at Page 90).

And on failure to realize the full amount of judgment, interest and costs thereon, I will expose to Public Sale, at the same time and place, to the highest bidder, the fee simple of said estate.

Taken as the property of Frank Daems at the sale of Henry D. Daems et al.

EDWARD S. SWANSON,
Sheriff of St. Joseph County.
H. Mc & Co. & Y. Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Dec. 4-11-18, 1913.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Estate of Ferdinand Baginski.
By direction of John Gill, administrator of the estate of Ferdinand Baginski, late of St. Joseph County, in the State of Indiana, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to the heirs, legatees and devisees of said decedent and all other persons interested in said estate, that said administrator has filed in this court final account and vouchers for

the final settlement of said estate, and they are therefore hereby required to be heard and appear in said court on the 2nd day of January, 1914, when the same will be heard, and make proof of their heirship, or claim to any part of said estate, and show cause if any there be, why said account and vouchers should not be approved.

Witness, the clerk and the seal of the St. Joseph Circuit Court at South Bend, Indiana, this 18th day of Dec. 1913.
FRANK P. CHRISTOPHER, Clerk.
By JOHN P. CULLY, Deputy.

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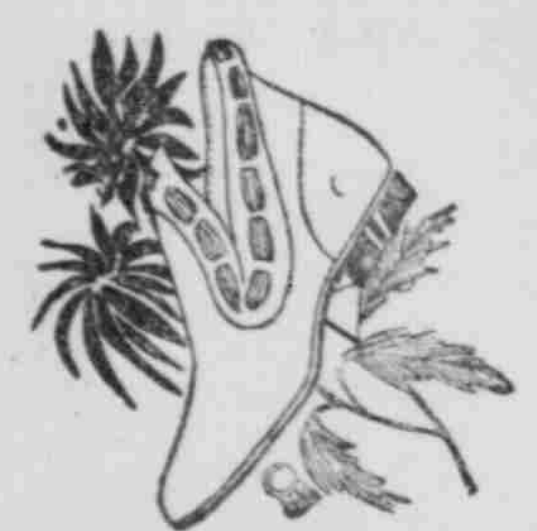
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